

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Kohei SHIMODA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4687
Application No.: 10/575,898 : Group Art Unit: 1793
Filed: April 14, 2006 : Examiner: Mark L. Shevin
For: GRANULAR METAL POWDER

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2009, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on July 24, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.